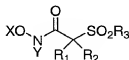


**ABSTRACT**

**METHOD FOR PREPARING ALPHA-SULFONYL**  
**HYDROXAMIC ACID DERIVATIVES**

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Compounds of the formula:



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that can be important as matrix metalloproteinase (MMP) and TNF-alpha converting enzyme (TACE) inhibitors, phosphodiesterase inhibitors, renin inhibitors, antithrombotics, and 5-lipoxygenase inhibitors are prepared by novel methods of the present invention.

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